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SATURDAY, NOV. 13, 1920.

OPPORTUNITY.

Opportunity knocks at every embraced leaves to return no more exactly, the same form.

Locally, we overlook opportuni-top often. We embrace it too seldom. We sleep on our rights too often and when we find ourselves with the lacking are prope to blame every circumstance and fail to consider Part

Its acquisition.

There are now mere opportunities for the gaining of an education that there are those who seem to desire to avail themselves of them.

Such a condition is deplorable. It is a condition to be so

There are too many ignorant and advancement would cause them to sacrifice at least a few hours a law. It is a racial and national necessity.

There is no excuse now for the crass ignorance found among our young men and women. It is not sition is everywhere open

Will soon be looking back to the od old days of high wages and hing that we had spent less and

Many life long Democrats voted he Republican ticket last week. Be-ieve me—time brings changes.

Home awning increase self res

scance is by far more contly

after all it doesn't pay to be

LET US BLEND OUR EFFORTS TOWARD A LAW AGAINST LYNCHING.

The campaign is over and a Republican administration out is assured. The victory was the greatest since the Civil War and well might it be so for America is sadly in need of constructive direction. We believe that it will be furnished by a Republican administration.

The campaign methods used by the Democratic machine, while rendered ridiculous by their signal failure to influence the great mass of voters, more than at any other time have shown the utter lack of conscience and value of ethical niceties which a campaign for the highest office in the nation ought to bring of tears. Much of the old-time enthusiasm of the Negro for Republican to the surface. Their methods were highly worthy of the repudiation which they received.

ods used in the Democratic campaign which strove to use racial deaf ear to the call to rally around the Republican flag. But there hatred as a means of influencing voters and the way in which was a lack of hearty spirit in the response, a sort of a pathetic interest in they were received by the voters as a class.

The utter repudiation of the "Social Equality" and "Negro bode a future break from the traditional political moorings of the Negro. Domination" theories by the majority of voters, many of them New York Office. Front and Prost Southern by birth, gives a reasonable amount of proof that as a cussion at this time. The instances of Negro standing for the United class, they are realizing that there may be other considerations States Senate in Maryland and in Virginia might, with slight variation, be more potent than the fear of Negro influence to be taken in consideration in their choice of chief executives. Or it may be that in the current of election events that not much importance can be attachthey are realizing that for many years they have been the dupes ed to the part they have played in shaping the future political course of of conscienceless demagogues who bent them to their selfish wills the Race.

> made from time to time. Since almost immemorial they have been nominate Senator Harding was unquestionably, contributory to the feeling used with telling effect upon the SOLID SOUTH. But in this in- of uneasiness that has since grown to the dimensions of out-spoken disstance they failed miserably despite the fact that they were more content. vitriolic than ever. Never before in recent years has any campaign witnessed such scurrilous personalities as the one just closed in which even the presidential candidate was accused of most defies detection among the most expensive objects at hand. A short, having Negro blood in his veins and the "Social Equality" theory stocky brown-skin man sat at a small desk in the publicity department of worn threadbare.

be highly gratifying to us.

more confidently to a day when America shall be truly American and dollar value on a one dollar ring. But he was all powerful and a throughout. We do not consider it more than reasonable to ex- wheel in the machinery of an organization that was bent in minimizing pect a change in the thinking quality of the national public mind the presence of the Negro in the councils of the Republican Party. He to such a degree that all citizens of America shall be freed from played in the part of his master's well. At least this is the claim of Negro the restraint imposed upon them by a prejudice unworthy of en- men and women who are reputed to be personages of high standing as lightened people

Eventually such a condition will maintain. It will be gradual

by an increase of cooperative ability and a determination to make spoken disapproval rampant all about the country to give it the temper

While it probably does not yet appear so, the nomination of tendency to give us a solidarity never before realized.

do makes us valuable in the scheme of things. Kindliness, consid- Perry W. Howard, Mrs. Lethia C. Fleming and Mrs. Victoria Clay Haley eration and the spirit of humanity do not wholly govern this con- in charge of the Chicago headquarters. In the East, William H. Lewis. dition. We tend to become able to do in proportion as we con- Andrew Stevens, Robert Nelson, Isaac Mitten, William Matthews, George centrate our forces and combine our efforts, becoming a unit.

lican asset. need anti-lynch laws even more than some other legislation. It is to the duty which has come to him in the present social crisis of alarming a national need. The fact that we do not have such a law is alunrest sweeping disquietude throughout the length and breadth of our most directly responsible that for the fact that our lives are in beloved country. The stupidity of the Democratic Party coupled with the terest of a safer democracy.

we are to judge of public opinion as expressed at the polls, its quainting a "lily white" element in the Republican Party that he is depassage may be accomplished.

We know that the problems which face the new administra-profit to do the thing which he feels will make him, finally, a worth-tion are many and complex. We feel that they will demand and while American Cittizens," declared a Negro of prominence in a certain make necessary the absolute co-operation of all Americans if the make necessary the absolute co-operation of all Americans if the northern state. reconstruction and adjustment of national affairs is to be satis-

the giving of its efforts. We do not feel that the spirit of the incoming administraing of our oppressions, as the Wilson regime has been. In observing the utterances of the candidates we have been impressed thoughtful thinkers of our group. with their sincerity of purpose and determination to serve all

Particularly do we remember the speech of Senator Harding, made in Cleveland in which he declared:

It is a great asset in even the most ordinary life and its value is inestimable. We all need it. Too two of us have it.

It can be had only as we avail ourselves of the opportunities for its acquisition.

Particularly do we remember the speech of Senator Harding, made in Cleveland in which he declared:

"Now the world in anguish calls to America for a new contriction at this time trictism at this time the conduct of public the common people.

It can be had only as we avail ourselves of the opportunities for its acquisition.

"I want my chance to lead in making America a land where its acquisition. "I want my chance to lead in making America a land where

men and women place the welfare of America above their own should not continue to be so.

The public school system offers a free night school course in literary branches for all classes of students. They are hardly well enough attended to warrant their continservice that America can give to the world-the service of an ex-The Knishts of Columbus offer ample of a great representative democracy undivided. I want to

tree night school courses in auto mechanics, bookkesping and liter preserve and foster our united America.

"That is my ambition. That is my opportunity for service service men now in our town is compared with the number actually for new understanding and new strength and new unity of purnding the lack of interest is pose and of aspiration of all her people, shall not fail."

We hope that such a condition may eventually maintain. A tutored ones among us. It would law against lynching will help to bring it to pass. Let us all bend our energies toward the passage of such

LESSONS FROM TEXAS' ELECTION RETURNS.

necessary that they be so, Opportunity for changing their untutored Democratic and by such majority as to render untenable any supthem. to position that it may soon go Republican.

It is true however that a greater Republican vote was polled in this election than ever before. This is due in our opinion to signifiance as a portent. Even if Tennessee had not gone Republican, one we use words with high icha sour ground his poll

way to improve themselves—knowledge is never wasted. It should
be the duty of every considerate
person to urge them to embrace
some of these schools. They will
prove highly beneficial.

The first is that many Democrats fo
longer identify themselves with that part
convictions of the proper course necessar;
country. Many of them doubtless having longer identify themselves with that party with justice to their and an indication that its solidity has probably been destroyed forever. The to convictions of the proper course necessary to the success of the action of Tennessee will of itself strengthen the temptation which several thoughts so are we. Tell me what from the scene Perry again approachconvictions of the proper course necessary to the success of the action of Tennessee will of itself strengthen the temptation which several thoughts so are we. Tell me what from the scene Perry again approachcountry. Many of them doubtless having for some time been of the Southern States have long been under to break away from the Demshamed of the partialities, lack of fore sight and carelessness of ocratic party. Whether the prospect of party competition in the Southern from the clean chaste conversation of the success of the action of Tennessee will of itself strengthen the temptation which several thoughts so are we. Tell me what from the scene Perry again approachyou who you are. We judge largely ber of other Negroes. The white
from the clean chaste conversation of the partialities, lack of fore sight and carelessness of occasion party. the leaders of their party, in this year found the courage neces- States, and particularly in the Southeastrn States, is to be viewed as an which you use, free from vulgarity dispersed the Negroes, who fied to sary to break away and follow their better judgment.

The second is that the Negro voters, unable to reconcile themselves to the attitude of the Texas Republican Council formed an independent party, no less Republican, and voted for an independent state ticket with gratifying results when the actual the amount of education in civic responsibility which must be ed. number of Negro voters in former years is taken in considera-While it is not presumable that the Republican voting results

mowledge of the actual possibilities of Texas and the need of a ystematic education of the great mass of Negroes of voting age staged each year.

When Texas election conditions as they have maintained are

THE MIRROR OF **PUBLIC OPINION**

THE NEGRO AND THE RESULT. (By The Associated Negro Press.)

The results of the campaign just closed has come to us through a vale cause was shrouded in a mist of inexplainable uneasiness. There was no lack of loyalty for the ticket and the large Nogro vote cast in all the sec-We as a group should be interested in observing those meth- tions of the country, wherever allowed, showed small disposition to turn a

the outcome of the election which presents aspects of discontent that fore-

How far this break will go or how soon it will happen is not for dis-

by playing to a passion unworthy of them as true citizens of a It is true that relics of the "old guard" were in very active evidence democracy. Whatever the reason responsible for this utter dis- around the general headquarters in New York and in Chicago. Yet this regard for the appeals to racial hatred of campaign leaders, the in no wise gives substantial inkling of the ferment of discontent that has fact that this disregard has been so efficiently expressed should been rankling in the breasts of the rank and file since the passing of the momentous June Convention. The Frank O. Lowden shadow awoke grave We have suffered much from the appeals to racial hatred fears in the minds of many; the strength of "lily white" 'sentiment which

Narrowed, however, to a close consideration of the questions at issue in this convention there lies a situation so small in compass that it althe National headquarters in the Auditorium Hotel in the city of Chicago We glory in the defeat of such propaganda and look forward and dispensed favors with the bated breath of a man who places a thous-Republicans.

This man is accused of divers things which, if true, must of necessity in its coming but it is sure. Its speed will be limited only by the place him in the unenvisible position of one who has lent himself to the soul quality of the leaders produced and the growth of the read- carrying out of a deliberated plan to reduce the Colored vote to a coniness with which the individuals who go to make up the public dition of political serfdom. Ordinarily this would be beyond the ability mind, give to all circumstances and conditions the proper valua- of a man holding down an insignificant clerkship in the publicity department of a national committee. But the situation of a subordinate place We as a group more than ever must realize that our effect- for the "Colored-man-and brother" in the councils of the Republican Party. iveness as a factor politically and economically must be increased The charge may be or it may not be true, yet there is enough of outof at least reasonable probability.

It would be unfair, however, at this point not to say a word concern-Negroes for public offices will in time to come have a decided ing the very creditable part that was played by a considerable number of men and women in the conduct campaign work done among the Negro We can gain recognition only in proportion as our ability to voters. Henry Lincoln Johnson, Robert R. Church, Charles A. Cottrell, Harris, Fred Moore and Mrs. Mary Church-Terrell carried on an intel-In this campaign we were valuable: we were a great Republigent campaign from New York headquarters.

"But what of the future?" is the question on the lips of many people, Our crying need now is a mational law against lynching. We black and white, who feel the need for the Negro becoming keenly alive N. W. HARLLEE'S TWO-MINUTE which the court calls our actions incopardy and our possessions never safe. It is our due in the in- insistence of its southern element to keep alive the "color problem," will Form The Triple Links In The Golmake it extremely difficult for the Negro to pull away from his Republi-It is a thing well worth bending our efforts toward and, if can traditions. "And yet he is confronted with the stern necessity of actermined, at all hazards and risk of immediate loss of social and economic

factorily done. But we must realize first of all that such co- increased importance. He must give jealous care to the maintenance of continents and the universe itself. "Questions of rights and problems of duties now confront the Negro with man's door sooner or later. It wakes no sleepers and forces no entrance. But we must realize first of all that such cono sleepers and forces no entrance. He must give jealous care to the maintenance of
his rights, he must put serious thinking into the performance of his rights.

It only presents itself and if not zenry is not protected in the giving of its efforts. schedule of schemes unless it springs, literally, out of the soul of the around us and about us." I am tion will be found to be as hostile to efforts made at the lessen- Race's aspiration to take and hold to a high place among the American glad that you ask such a question. Citizenry," asserts another member of the Race who is rated among the for when boys and girls ask ques-

The Negro did an honest share of the work which resulted in the victory of Senator Harding. His labors, however, are not ended, they have the first is little words; the sec-Particularly do we remember the speech of Senator Harding, just begun. A survey of the situations facing the Negro and the country ond is little thoughts; the third "Now the world in anguish calls to America for a new conution. It calls for that understanding among peoples and natribution. It calls for that understanding among peoples and nather conduct of public matters and no hindrance placed in the way of three links, or its three weakest the conduct of public matters and no hindrance placed in the way of three links, or its three weakest the conduct of public matters and no hindrance placed in the way of three links, or its three weakest three links. Let us little folks, first talk links. Let us little folks are if we

SOLID SOUTH BROKEN FOREVER.

The Solid South has been "broken," though not by Oklahoma, which selfish interests; where no class contentions can arise because of course, was not in reality a part of it, but by Tennessee. Tennessee men's minds understand other men's hearts and aspirations; has not only elected a Republican to be its Governor, but has given its thoughts. Words are the parents of the polis at Ocoee, near the p where the strong serve all of us to the end that all of us may electoral vote to Mr. Harding, by a majority which will probably exceed our actions. We are measured by the election officials had refused to personnel to the strong serve all of us to the end that all of us may electoral vote to Mr. Harding, by a majority which will probably exceed our actions. We are measured by the election officials had refused to personnel to the end that all of us may electoral vote to Mr. Harding, by a majority which will probably exceed our actions. serve the weak. I want in years to come to dedicate myself to bringing all American more and words that all of us flat all of persistently for half a century has at least been attained. It is not easy think with words that effect dax. derstanding, so that we may act together, free from destroying contentions; so that we may be a great fabric in which each individual is a wital thread. I want to being about the greatest of a kind which are apt to repeat themselves. The Harding candidacy was madder which turns their bones red. a former police chief, were wounded probably carried over the goal by the candidacy of Mr. "Alf" Taylor, whose Bad words bring forth bad thoughts. wholesale lynching. personal popularity far exceeds that of any other Republican in Tenn. and perhaps that of any Democrat, and who owes no little of his popularity to the affectionate memory the people of Tennessee have of his dead brother, the lamented and inimitable "Bob." One is pretty safe in saying that no other Republican could have been elected Governor of Tennessee and is saying, aslo, with even more confidence that no other Republican could have led Tennessee into supporting Mr. Harding's candidacy. The dispatches, in explain- chaste, and they are to be measured ports from Occe said that explosion ing the results, say that the Negro, and particularly the Negro women voted and used at all times as though you of considerable amounts of amuniin surprisingly large numbers, and intimate that the white women made but refined. little use of the ballot, which, if true, is another exceptional circumstance, in that the results of their recreance is likely, in the next election, to over- | Words stand for ideas in the for- later. One Negro woman was among come the reluctance of the white women of that State to discharge the duty mation of our thoughts. Our the five reported burned, it was said The Solid South has been broken but not by Texas. It is still of citizenship which he ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment put upon thoughts are out-growth of the

However, in saying this, there is no intention to disparage the achievement of the Republicans in Tennessee, nor to imply that it is without degree, while on the other hand, if privilege by election judges on the must see in the gains that party made in several if not most of the South-The first is that many Democrats found that they could no ern States an evidence that the South has become a political fighting ground thoughts, vulgar words give rise him and he was driven away.

tive for the Negroe's bestirring himself in a political way, the vote of the Black and Tan is far from disappointing.

It should serve however to indicate to local political leaders in which I then lived, that I did but reinforcement arrived, and it the amount of education in civic responsibility which must be not want a certain funeral, on acgeneral.

given our general voting public if results potent in any degree are count of his use of vulgarity. Many The attackers centered on Perry's to be obtained. There are enough possible Negro voters in Texas of early habits become a part of house, intent on his arrest. Two of to be obtained. There are enough possible Negro voters in Texas of early nables occurred a part of house, intent on his arrest. Two of to have surpassed even the grand total of Democratic votes as it us and never leave us through life. the whites, Leo Borgard and Elmer in Texas will prove worthy of special consideration to National now stands. But these voters will not register or begin to see the need of becoming qualified unless special effort is expended in their direction.

The national campaign is over but local campaigns are It would appear as a bit of wisdom if local leaders of our

Those leaders, who might have imagined that of the great mass of possible Negro voters in Texas at least 15,000 would become qualified and vote the Black and Tan ticket, are possibly

It is possible that they may wield great influence in their locations for tomorrow. Actions have the possible that they may wield great influence in their locations for tomorrow. Actions have the possible that they may wield great influence in their locations for tomorrow. Actions have the possible that they may wield great influence in their locations for tomorrow. Actions have the possible that they may wield great influence in their locations for tomorrow. Actions have the possible that they may wield great influence in their locations for tomorrow. Actions have the possible that they may wield great influence in their locations for tomorrow. Actions have the possible that they may wield great influence in their locations for tomorrow. Actions have the possible that they may wield great influence in their locations for tomorrow. Actions have the possible that they may wield great influence in their locations for tomorrow. Actions have the possible that they may wield great influence in their locations for tomorrow. Actions have the possible that they may wield great influence in their locations for tomorrow. Actions have the possible that they may wield great influence in their locations for tomorrow. Actions have the possible that they may wield great influence in their locations for tomorrow. Actions have the possible that they may wield great influence in their locations for tomorrow. Actions have the possible that they may wield great influence in their locations for tomorrow. Actions have the possible that they may wield great influence in their locations for tomorrow. Actions have the possible that they may wield great influence in their locations are the possible that they may be a p them more easily welded into a powerful factor in state and naconsidered, and the fact that heretofore there has been no incentional campaigns.

inviting one is a question which only the thoughtless will answer outright and positively. That the Democratic party is in need of the stimulus it would get from having to fight to retain its accendance is not to be questioned, and it follows that the public service would be bettered as a consequence. But if this consideration urges one to contemplate the prospect with satisfaction, one must be restrained on reflecting what may be the consequence of putting the politicians under the need of bidding for the Negro vote.. The solidity of the South is not the result of nolitical prejudice and bigotry to anything like the degree imagined in the Northern States. It is due to rational considerations, whether they be sound ones or not, and those considerations will continue for a long time to operate powerfully against the efforts of the Republicans to establish their party in -Morning (Dallas) News.

A GREAT REBUKE.

At this writing it appears certain that Harding is elected, and it appears no less certain that he is elected by an overwhelming majority. We say this with the fact in mind that Hughes seemed to be surely elected at this time in 1916. But the conditions are not the same. There has been at no time the sentiment for Cox that there was for Wilson in that year, and the returns from no state showed such extraordinary unanimity of opinion as is revealed in the present reports. With a tremendous Harding majority in New York and with majorities but little less impressive rolling up in Ohio it is difficult to see any possibility of the election of Cox. It, has been conceded all along that Cox would carry one of these states to win , and with both of these gone against him and with all the other states more strongly Republican than ever, the case seems utterly hopeless for the Democratic party.

But upon the basis of the returns now in there is plainly to be seen strong and unmistakable evidences of that revulsion of feeling which has been feit by all whose business it is to keep the fingers on the public pulse. It is safe to say, we think, that the result of the voting yesterday was in but small part the development of the campaign. It is safe to say that the people, speaking collectively, had virtually decided this election long ago, even before the conventions were held and the nominations made. The trend of public feeling has been sensed more than a year ago, and it was against Wilson and toward the Republican party. The campaign but served to strengthen that trend. The men chosen by the national conventions were but little known nationally at the time of their nomination. Both were in a way a disappointment to their people. But Harding had, to begin with, the qualities that inspire confidence, and he has grown continuously in the public estimation since the day of his nomination. There was nothing spectacular, nothing showy, about him, but it was seen that there was substance and dignity, and, even in the vagueness of his utterance on the treaty, that there was sincerity. On the other hand the National Democratic Convention abandoned Wilson in all but perfunctory words, and set up a candidate as free as possible from any association with the Wilson administration, and, unfortunately for the party, as free also from these qualities of mind and heart that made Wilson great. Although Wilson and the Wilson administration had been condemned before the convention was held, there was much in that administration that might have been well defended, but Cox made little of the capital he had in the record of real achievement by Wilson, preferring rather to attempt to divert attention from that record by preferring charges of many kinds against the Republican organization. He gave little attention to the great economic problems that weighed upon the country, filling his speeches with works of personal abuse that turned dissatisfaction with Wilson into resentment against Cox, while his opponent, disdaining to reply, calmly gave his attention to the questions of the hour. Governor Cox, could not have turned the tide of public opinion in his direction, but he could, we believe, have averted the avalanche that seems to have fallen upon him by a more gracious and a more statesman-like course. The people of America like a fighter, but they want him to fight fair. Cox was a fighter, but nearly all of his blows were below the beit. That sort of fighting is as unpopular in politics as in the ring, and the great majorities piled up yesterday against Cox are in part due to the strong resentment against his tactice. -Gbole Democrat

TALK FOR BOYS AND GIRLS. to question THE THREE LITTLE CABLES, WORDS, THOUGHTS, ACTIONS.

den Chain of Character.

By N. W. Harllee. Come, boys and girls, listen to me for two minutes, while I talk things, the mighty sea, the great all

tions, they are becoming interested. There are three of these little of the little words, and see if we can find something new about them for we use them every day. Words are little things easily said.

The Import of Words. think with words that effect cer- that he had failed to pay his poll were in the presence of the most tion occurred as the flames swept

The Import of Thought. words we use, and if we use certain words with evil import, our attempt of July Perry, a Negro, to thoughts are affected in the same vote after he had been refused the vulgar thoughts. which you use, free from vulgarity dispersed the Negroes, who fied to as to your habits, your practices, your inclinations, and even your aspirations. When a boy, I once aspirations. When a boy, I once are opened fire from the buildings. said that if I died in the community A member of the posse was wounded. Nothing is more important than hav- McDaniels, both ing high, clean ideals, and these are were killed in the back yard of the ing high, clean ideas, and the sained through chaste words used house, their bodies being found hours in chaste conversations,

their birth through thoughts wheth- being carried to the jail after bevin er chaste or impure. Here is the been treated at a hospital. Details starting point of our Motive by of his capture were lacking

Formation Of Character.

All habits, whether in words,

thoughts and actions are but elements in the formation of character. This is the highest point in the life of the boy or girl. All training seeks this one object. Words fitly spoken, thoughts rightly directed, conversation wisely engaged, hon-esty of purpose, all of these are the true gateway to the real formation of character, the individual, The formation of little things into one great unit like the small wires "Well" you say, "what little things wires, threadlike twisted into & bundle that suspend the bridge over the river. At the base of the Rockthe mountain for support thus all all efforts lean toward one object, Character-formation.

FIVE NEGROES BURNED TO DEATH, ONE HANGED IN FIGHT OVER ELECTION. .

Two White Men Killed and Several Wounded in Florida Riot.

(By A. N. P.) Orlando, Fla., Nov. 11.—Fve Ne-groes have been burned to death and another hanged to a tree as a Words are used to express our result of a fight which started at

the buildings, and that numerous fire-arms were found in the ruins but no children.

The battle was precipitated by the

our After dark, according to reports want a certain minister, so call- proceeded when the firing became

later. A Negro woman said seven or The Import of Actions.

Our actions are set in motion through our thoughts, just as words give rise to our thoughts so words give rise to our thoughts to other buildings.